



H.Res. 1247 – Supporting the goals and ideals of “American Eagle Day”, and celebrating the recovery of the American bald eagle, the national symbol of the United States

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1247 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative David Davis (R-TN) on June 5, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1247 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 17, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1247 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Supports the goals and ideals of ‘American Bald Eagle Day’;
- Encourages educational entities, organizations, businesses, conservation groups, and government agencies with a shared interest in conserving endangered species to collaborate on education information for use in the schools; and
- Encourages the people of the United States to observe American Eagle Day with appropriate ceremonies and other activities.

BACKGROUND

In 1782, the American bald eagle was designated as the national emblem of the United States. The bald eagle is displayed in the official seal of many government branches including Congress, the Supreme Court and several federal agencies.

The bald eagle is a large bird of prey, with a wingspan of up to seven feet. Bald eagles primarily hunt fish, upon which its diet relies. In 1963, the number of bald eagle nesting pairs in the lower 48 States had declined to about 417. By 2006, the number of bald eagle nesting pairs had recovered to about 7,500. The bald eagle was removed from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife in 2007.

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